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Dave Calhoun, Boeing CEO

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BOEING SEES MANAGEMENT CHANGE AS SAFETY ISSUES HAUNT COMPANY

CEO David Calhoun will leave the plane maker at the end of 2024. Board chairman Lawrence Kellner won't stand for re-election in May

BOARD IS HUNTING FOR NEW CEO: ANY GUESSES?

Former Qualcomm CEO Steven Mollenkopf ha been named the new chairman. He will lead the search for a new CEO. Boeing's commercial airplane unit president and CEO Stan Deal will retire immediately. Chief operating officer of less than three months Stephanie Pope will lead the key division now. Boeing's trouble started with its top selling 737 Max jets

AUDIT OF SEATTLE UNIT NOT SATISFACTORY

- The company's factory near Seattle failed in many production areas, according to the Federal Aviation Administration's audit
- An emergency exit door of a Boeing 737 Max 9 of Alaska Air on Jan 5 blew out in mid-air. It would have been the final nail for the management shake up after two crashes in 2018 and 2019

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BOEING PLANES WERE DELIVERED IN JAN AND FEB, DOWN FROM 66 A YEAR AGO

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IPL first-price: RCB ticket at ₹55,055

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ROYAL Challengers Bengaluru's dynamic pricing of Indian Premier League (IPL) tickets — almost akin to what Indian Railways does with respect to premium tatkal — has created a record of sorts.

Just as Mohammed Siraj stood on top of the run-up, *shop.royalchallengers.com* was selling tickets for ₹55,055 (the same tickets were available for ₹52,938 on Sunday) in the Qatar Airways P2 Stand, just below the Pavilion Terrace. Because of the dynamic pricing model, this is one of the most expensive tickets ever on sale for an IPL game (in Phase 1, the same tickets were available for ₹42,300). The hospitality ticket will get you 'unlimited food and beverages'. It's not known if alcohol is part of the deal. The franchise has anyway had some of the most expensive tickets. In 2017, their priciest tickets were available at ₹37,000 a pop.

According to data available on the websites of ticketing partners, Sunrisers Hyderabad has the second most expensive at ₹30,000. It will cost you that much if you want to watch them against Chennai or Mumbai, two of the more prominent sides in the league.

Ahmedabad, meanwhile, has tickets costing ₹499 to ₹12,000 for the game against Punjab on April 4. In some stadia, there is liquor available in the hospitality section.. In Lucknow, for instance, there is beer as long as you are willing to spend ₹5,000 for a ticket. "Full Hospitality," a ticketing partner informs the potential customer, "With Beer". For double that price, there is 'full hospitality with hard drink' according to same partner. Lucknow, in its third season, has the cheapest tickets on at ₹399. Chennai, meanwhile, has its priciest seats sold out for the entire season. It may even not come out for sale for next edition. As a result, KMK Terrace is the costliest at ₹6,000 for Gujarat game on Tuesday. P13

TICKET PRICE

FRANCHISE	LOWEST	HIGHEST	MATCH (VS)
Bengaluru	₹5,200*	₹55,055*	Punjab
Lucknow	₹399	₹20,000	Punjab
Rajasthan	₹1,200	₹15,000	Delhi
Mumbai	₹990	₹15,000	Rajasthan
Hyderabad	₹750	₹30,000	Chennai
Chennai	₹1,700	₹6,000	Gujarat
Gujarat	₹499	₹12,000	Hyderabad
Delhi	₹2,000	₹5,000^	Kolkata

Data as per ticketing partners. *Dynamic pricing (normal @ ₹2,100 to ₹42,100). ^For Delhi's next home game at Visakhapatnam

RCB BEAT PUNJAB

Bengaluru: Virat Kohli's half-century took the Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a four-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in an IPL match here on Monday. Punjab had put 177 on the board, with RCB striking 178 for 6, with four balls to spare

AAP keeps up pressure, now on social media

Requests citizens to change their display picture; plan to gherao PM's house today

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

INTENSIFYING its ongoing agitation against the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday launched the 'Modi *ka sabse bada darr* — Kejriwal' display picture (DP) campaign.

"From today 3 pm, all leaders, MLAs, and workers of the Aam Aadmi Party will change their DP to say 'Modi is afraid of Kejriwal'," the party said.

The AAP urged the citizens to do likewise. "Change your DP on all platforms, whether it's WhatsApp, X, Facebook or Instagram, and give the entire country the message that this fight is not just Kejriwal's. It's the fight of the entire nation, a battle to save democracy and the Constitution."

As part of the campaign, all senior party leaders and supporters changed their social media profile DP in support of the AAP chief who is under the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) remand till March 28. The party appealed to citizens to download photos from indiawithkejriwal.com and set them as their DP to raise their voice against the arrest. But at 10.20 pm, there were just 27,434 downloads from the indiawithkejriwal site, indicating the campaign is yet to pick up pace.

The party said those who support the Delhi CM and want to convey the message nationwide that democracy is being 'eliminated' ought to join this campaign and ventilate their 'anger'.

At a press conference here, Delhi minister Atishi said Kejriwal is the only leader in the country who can challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi and so he was arrested by the ED without any evidence just after the announcement of Lok Sabha polls.

It's a case where even after two years of investigations, not a single paisa of the alleged proceeds of crime has been recovered from any AAP leader, she added.

PARKING BAR ON 3 ROADS

With the AAP saying it will gherao the PM's residence on March 26, the Delhi Traffic Police barred vehicles from halting or parking anywhere on Tughlak Road, Safdarjung Road and Kemal Ataturk Marg on Tuesday.

"No vehicle will be allowed to halt or park anywhere on Tughlak Road, Safdarjung Road and Kemal Ataturk Marg; general entry for public will not be allowed; and vehicles found parked on the above roads shall be towed away and prosecuted for improper parking and disobedience," the advisory read

KRPP chief G Janardhana Reddy with BJP leader BS Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN GEGNUSE I

KRPP merges with BJP, Reddy to influence voters in KK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Gangavathi MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy on Monday merged his Kalayan Rajya Pragati Paksha (KRPP) with BJP. This is expected to help the saffron party in some parts of Kalyana Karnataka region.

Reddy rejoined BJP in the presence of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP state president BY Vijayendra, former Minister B Sriramulu and others. Reddy said he will work for the party and help it win 28 seats in the state. "I have rejoined without any expectations," said Reddy. It was just a month ago that he had backed Congress in the Rajya Sabha elections. Reddy, a mining baron, was associated with former Union Minister, late Sushma Swaraj, who contested against Sonia Gandhi from the Ballari Lok Sabha constituency in 1999. Though Sushma lost, Reddy's association with the party only grew stronger since then. He played an important role in bringing BJP to power in 2008. In 2011, he was sent to jail in a case of illegal mining, but was released on bail in 2015. But he kept out of active politics since 2011. P4

KUKI-ZOs URGED NOT TO ENTER MANIPUR LOK SABHA POLL FRAY

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN a significant development, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) in strife-torn Manipur on Monday urged the Kuki-Zo tribals to refrain from contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the state.

The ITLF, which has been the voice of the community all along in the ethnic conflict, however, advised the Kuki-Zo tribals to exercise their franchise. "ITLF Presidential Council in consultation with its constituent member tribes have agreed that no member from the Kuki-Zo community should file nomination for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, considering the plight that we are facing," the ITLF said in a statement.

The ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis, which broke out on May 3 last year, left 219 people dead and over 60,000 others displaced. The Election Commission said the displaced people, who are lodged in the relief camps, can vote in some special polling stations in the relief camps.

Manipur has two Lok Sabha seats – Inner Manipur and Outer Manipur. The Outer Manipur seat is reserved for Scheduled Tribes. It is made up of 28 of the state's 60 Assembly segments. Twenty of the 28 Assembly seats are spread across Naga and Kuki hills. The remaining eight are located in the foothill areas of Meitei-majority Imphal Valley. The Inner Manipur seat is made up of 32 Assembly constituencies in Imphal Valley. The Outer Manipur seat is currently held by the Naga People's Front (NPF), a party which was born in adjoining Nagaland. The NPF has fielded Timothy Zimik, a Naga, for the seat. The Congress set up former MLA Alfred K Arthur, also a Naga.

The BJP is not contesting in the seat and decided to support the NPF candidate. The BJP is an ally of the NPF in Manipur but not in Nagaland.

Right to franchise

"As Indian citizens, we advise our community members to exercise their right to franchise by voting but abstain from contesting from the Outer Manipur seat," the ITLF statement said

HAPPY COLOURS

The young and old alike celebrate Holi at Shri Govardhan Nath Haveli in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN GEGNUSE I

EXPRESS READ

Azad's DPAP, two others to stitch anti-I.N.D.I.A front

SRINAGAR: The decision on the formation of a 'third front' in Jammu and Kashmir by three parties - J&K Apni Party of former PDP leader Altaf Bukhari, DPAP of former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, and Peoples Conference of Sajjad Gani Lone - who are all ritical of the I.N.D.I.A bloc, is likely to be taken this week | P10

ISRO rocket accomplishes zero orbital debris mission

BENGALURU: ISRO on Monday said its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has accomplished zero orbital debris mission, and described it "another milestone". This was achieved on March 21, when the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) met its "fiery end" through a re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere | P5

Will Cong break its 2-decade-old jinx of not winning LS seats in double digits?

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AS Congress and BJP eye maximum number of seats out of the total 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state, the ruling Congress government is trying to break the party's 20-year-old jinx of not winning seats in double digits in the last four elections.

It was way back in 1999 that the Grand Old Party won 18 seats. In 2004, it dipped to eight, in 2009 it was six and in 2014 nine. In the last election, it was just one. This time, however, the party is confident of at least 20 seats. Congress MLA and vice-chairman of the Election Campaign Committee in KPCC, Rizwan Arshad, said the last year's Assembly poll results and social justice works have given them confidence.

"Our mass connect programmes taken up in the last ten months, including guarantees, will help us win more seats" he said. At the same time, all Southern states are not happy with the "injustice" meted out to them by the Centre in allocating funds. "Also, people's perception of Congress has changed in the last one month as NDA has indulged in corruption, as exposed in the recent electoral bond revelations," he said.

Further, the BJP-JDS alliance will help Congress as regional party workers are not happy with the arrangement. "Workers are feeling dejected and many are joining Congress," he said. P6

1 killed, another hurt after crackers explode

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

A 45-year-old man died, while another was seriously injured after firecrackers stored in a jaggery manufacturing unit exploded in G Kebbahalli in Mandya taluk on Monday.

The police said Ramesh, hailing from Tamil Nadu, was killed, while Nagalingu (55) was injured. The firecrackers, purchased from Tamil Nadu, were stored for the celebration of Bore Devara (Kalabhairava) Utsav in Kebbahalli village on Sunday and Monday evening. Both Raju and Ramalingu burst crackers during the celebration on Sunday night. On Monday morning, they were storing them in gunnybags when the crackers caught fire and Raju, who received the maximum impact of the blast, died on the spot.

Staff of bank, investment co loot dead woman of ₹13 cr

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

OFFICIALS of a public sector bank and private investment firms are said to have colluded with each other to allegedly illegally transfer over Rs 13 crore from the account of a deceased woman by opening an account in her name at the branch of the same bank in Tamil Nadu.

The ongoing investigation by the Siddapura police in the city revealed that the officials of State Bank of India (SBI) and employees of private investment firms have transferred Rs 13.15 crore from the account of Shakuntala Venkatappa Krishnappa from the SBI branch on KR Road in Basavanagudi to another account in her name at Manali in Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu.

Shakuntala died on August 1, 2019, while the account in Tamil Nadu was opened on March 25, 2022, showing that she had personally visited the branch and opened the account. The culprits allegedly forged the documents and her signature, though there was a mention about her death in the account. After the amount was transferred to the Manali branch, it was split into accounts of around 25 beneficiaries, it is said.

Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge Muralidhara Pai B on March 19 rejected the anticipatory bail petition of one of the accused, Susan Saritha D'Souza alias Suman, working in the Operations Department of Aditya Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund.

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MADE WILL BEFORE DEATH

Shakuntala died on August 21, 2019, and had made a will before her demise

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